

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, : : MISSOURI.

The deaths of 18 infants from the intense heat were reported in Milwaukee within the 48 hours ended on the 8th.

All the Boers in the field credit a rumor circulated by their leaders that Lord Roberts is dying. Roberts, however, is now in excellent health, is displaying wonderful energy and rides daily long distances.

Autographic anachronistic placards were found posted on the walls of public edifices in Antwerp, Belgium, notably on the palace and on the prison, on the 8th, announcing that the anarchist propaganda continues.

Fifty cases of yellow fever were under treatment in Havana, on the 7th, and the disease is on the increase in Pinar del Rio. These conditions are said to be largely due to the advent of non-immune Spanish immigrants.

It is understood that the question of the American Delagoa Bay railroad claims is on the point of settlement, though not actually settled. The parties interested have arrived at a practical agreement, but there are still some matters of detail to be adjusted.

Militiamen Pearce and Hopkins of a squad of the Royal Canadian dragoons, Toronto, have been tried in South Africa and sentenced to ten years' penal servitude for collecting arms from the burghers and reselling them to the Boers. Death is the maximum penalty for this offense.

The provisioning of Germany's naval forces for the China campaign has been greatly interfered with by the scarcity of canned meats in the empire. The government is compelled to buy meats at a high price in foreign countries, because of the inability of Germany to supply home demands.

The naval board of engineers, appointed under the terms of the current naval appropriation bill, to examine and report upon the desirability of the location of a dry dock at the mouth of the Columbia river, reported, on the 8th, to the navy department against the project.

Lieut. George Cornwallis West, who married Lady Randolph Churchill, has been placed temporarily on half-pay in consequence of ill-health. The question as to whether the bride would retain her title has been settled by her decision to be designated hereafter as Mrs. George Cornwallis West.

The Montana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session at Helena, on the 10th, passed resolutions enthusiastically indorsing the president, the army and the navy and the nation in "carrying the beneficent institutions of our glorious country to the uttermost parts of the earth."

The German foreign office, on the 9th, referring to the presence of the Boer envoys and of Dr. Leyds in Berlin, said that the delegation was there in an unofficial capacity only, and that it was not likely that any power would endeavor to secure favorable peace terms for the Boers in the final settlement.

The 347 Roumanian immigrants who had been detained by the Dominion Immigration bureau for several days on the steamer Lake Champlain, at Montreal, were allowed to land, on the 8th, after a promise on the part of the Baron Hirsch institute that the directors of the latter would obtain employment for them.

The Philadelphia Evening Star, a daily newspaper in which the late John Russell Young was financially interested, was sold at auction, on the 9th, in order that a settlement of the estate of Mr. Young might be effected. The property was knocked down to William C. Greiner, of Philadelphia, who bid \$14,500.

The dispatch sent, on the 8th, to the Chinese government through Minister Wu, is not in the form or nature of an ultimatum. It insists, however, that the firing on the legations cease, and that the imperial government, if it desires to show its friendliness, shall co-operate with the relieving column.

Miss H. O'Kabe, daughter of Prince P. K. O'Kabe, of Tokio, Japan, was drowned at Cedar Point, O., on the 7th. Miss O'Kabe was sitting on the steamboat deck fishing, when she was overcome by heat, and toppled over into the water. She was engaged to be married to a prominent Japanese gentleman of Chicago.

Baron Russell, of Killowen, lord chief justice of England, died, on the 10th. He had been ill for some time. On the 8th an operation was performed, which the patient is reported to have passed through in good condition. At six o'clock on the evening of the 8th, however, he took a turn for the worse, soon became unconscious and passed away peacefully at 3 a. m.

Six full-blooded Indians from the Indian territory have arrived in the City of Mexico, and are conferring with the Mexican government regarding a concession which will enable them to settle with their respective tribes in Mexico and become Mexican citizens. Their complaint is that the United States government does not give them land enough to live on. They represent the Shawnees, Delaware and Caddos.

A dispatch received from Minister Conger, on the 10th, says: "The young Li yamen states to the diplomatic body that the various foreign governments have repeatedly asked, through the respective Chinese ministers, that he immediately depart from Peking under suitable escort. The yamen asks us to fix a date for our departure, and to make the necessary arrangements to do so." This is a falsehood made out of whole cloth, and intended, doubtless, to compass the death of the legationaries under conditions that would make it appear as the consequence of their own act.

AUGUST—1900.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Maj.-Gen. Chaffee reported to the war department, on the 9th, the capture, on the 6th, of Ying Tsun, an important point on the route to Peking, with a loss to the American force engaged of about sixty men, mostly from the Fourteenth infantry. Lieut. Frank R. Long, Ninth infantry, was among the wounded.

A Japanese force made a reconnaissance beyond Hsi-Ku, on the 6th, the result being that the enemy was developed in strong force, well fortified, at Wei-Ho. After facing the fire of seven guns the Japanese retired on Hsi-Ku, with a loss of three killed and 27 wounded, but having captured 200 horses.

Li Hung Chang, in a recent conversation expressed his despair over the condition of the Chinese government and his fears that the anti-foreign element has gained complete ascendancy at Peking.

The condition of the Kansas corn crop is given officially as 54 per cent. This estimate is based on returns from every school district in Kansas, dated August 4. Since then the corn has suffered some from the continued dry and hot weather, so that "half a crop" is the best that can reasonably be expected. The wheat yield is placed at 78,081,000 bushels.

A package containing \$1,000 in currency was stolen in broad daylight from the express office at Galatia, Ill. It was one of three packages, one containing \$500 in silver, another \$1,000 in gold, and another \$1,000 in bills, were shipped by the Continental Bank of St. Louis to the Bank of Galatia.

The Chicago City Railway Co. has decided on a general plan for re-equipment for its lines. Orders have been sent to St. Louis for the construction of a number of new cars, which will be superior to any now in Chicago, and as fine as any in the country.

Advices received from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, say that 200 men, women and children have been massacred in the Armenian village of Spaghank, in the district of Sassun, by troops and Kurds, under Ali Pasha, the commander of Bitlis.

The marine hospital service has received a cablegram from Passac Assistant Surgeon J. B. Greene officially announcing the existence of the plague at Hamburg. It was brought by steamer from South America.

The Harper Bros.' building, in Pearl and Cliff streets, New York, together with all apparatus, and with all rights to publish the Harper periodicals, were sold at the New York Real Estate exchange, on the 9th, for \$1,100,000 to Alex F. Orr, chairman of the reorganization committee for the publishing house.

The state of Colorado began suit at Denver, on the 10th, against the Pullman Palace Car Co. for \$11,085 which, it is claimed, is due the state as an incorporation fee.

Late advices from the north assert that a single shipment of \$1,000,000 in treasure will soon be made from Dawson to Seattle, Wash.

A plot to seize Gen. Roberts and to shoot as many as possible of the British officers in Pretoria has been discovered, and ten men charged with complicity have been arrested. Other suspects are being closely watched, and it is expected that they will shortly be taken into custody.

The post office department has ordered the establishment of rural free delivery service, on the 15th, at Sheldon, Ia., Portland and Cumberland, Ind., and Weldon, Ill., and additional service at Belleville, Kas.

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For insulting the new queen of Serbia, Gen. Belimarkowitch, who was one of the regents during the minority of King Alexander, has been placed under arrest.

Devad Pasha, former Turkish grand vizier, died in Constantinople on the 10th.

Rev. A. H. Burroughs, the Tennessee parson who has officiated at the marriage of hundreds of couples from across the Virginia line, opened his doors at Bristol, on the 10th, to six couples, all of whom arrived on the same train. The whole group stood before the parson's altar at the same time, and a single ceremony sufficed for the lot.

When Pan Handle express train No. 8 from the west pulled into the Union depot, at Columbus, O., on the night of the 10th, Charles Lane, the express messenger, was found dead in his car with a bullet through his heart. The safe had been opened and all the valuables taken. There were indications of a desperate fight.

The populist advisory committee has recommended that the populists notify Bryan of his nomination by the Sioux Falls convention at Topeka, Kas., on August 23. The notification by the free silver republicans will be at a later date, and possibly at St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Nettie R. Craven has again suffered defeat in her battle for ratification of the 17th Amendment. She lost the election of the 17th Amendment in St. Louis, Mo., April 3, 1897, and located in Miller county in the early 60s, where he has since resided. He was a Union soldier, serving in the Sixth Missouri volunteer cavalry. He held many positions of trust and honor in Miller county, and was one of the ablest lawyers in central Missouri. Gov. Stephens appointed him judge of the Fourteenth judicial circuit to succeed Hon. D. W. Shackelford, last September.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

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The Murderer of Express Messenger Lane Arrested and Has Confessed.

HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO GET MARRIED.

His Plan to Get It Included the Deliberate Taking of the Life of Lane—The Arrest Made in the Presence of His Affianced Wife, to Whom Had Intrusted the Money.

Columbus, O., Aug. 13.—Charles R. H. Ferrell, former employee of Adams Express Co., was arrested yesterday afternoon in this city, and has confessed to the killing of Messenger Chas. Lane and the robbery of the way safe of the Adams Express Co. on the Pennsylvania east-bound train which arrived in this city at midnight Friday. One thousand dollars of the money which he had stolen was recovered.

Was to Have Been Married. Ferrell was to have been married, Thursday next, to Miss Lillian Costlow, daughter of Patrick Costlow, an engineer on the Pennsylvania lines. He had been discharged from the employ of the Adams Express Co. about three months ago, and had not since been able to secure employment. He confessed that the motive of the robbery was to secure money, of which he felt in great need, on account of his approaching marriage. The money recovered he had given to Miss Costlow to keep for him, saying that it was money that he had saved from his earnings.

Arrested at the Home of His Finance. He was at the home of his affianced wife, and in her company when placed under arrest. Ferrell is but 22 years of age and has a splendid physique, being six feet in height, with dark hair and an attractive face. When the officers took him into custody he assumed a nonchalant demeanor, but when he found that he could no longer deceive the officers, he made a full confession. After his statement had been taken by Chief of Police Tyler and he was led to a cell in the police station, he was in a state of nervous collapse, and orders were given that he be watched closely to prevent him doing himself bodily injury.

A Blood-Curdling Crime. The confession of Ferrell disclosed a premeditated and blood-curdling crime that seemed almost impossible of belief. He said he had become desperate because of his inability to secure employment and a realization of the fact that he must have money to defray the expenses of his approaching marriage. The robbery had been carefully planned, and it included the murder of Express Messenger Lane. He had no accomplices and no confidants. He knew Lane well. In fact they were friends, and he relied upon Lane's confidence to help him execute the crime. He knew that considerable money was always carried by the messenger on the Pennsylvania train No. 8, between St. Louis and Columbus, and that he was certain to secure a large sum if he robbed the way safe on that train.

Imposed on Lane's Friendship. Having provided himself with a Smith & Wesson six-shooter, 38-caliber, he went to Urbana Friday morning and waited for No. 8. When the train arrived there Ferrell went at once to the express car and told Lane that he was out of money, and asked permission to ride to Columbus with him. Lane consented, never for a moment suspecting the treachery of his pretended friend. For a short time after the train left Urbana they chatted pleasantly.

Shot His Victim from Behind. Lane sat in a chair at the end of the car with his back slightly turned. When Ferrell had finally nerved himself for the crime, he drew his revolver and stepped up behind Lane, unobserved, and fired three shots in rapid succession in the messenger's back. Lane rolled off the chair to the floor on his face, and Ferrell quickly fired the remaining shots at the prostrate body.

To Make His Work Sure. Lane was unconscious, but Ferrell, fearing that the wounds already inflicted would not cause death, took Lane's revolver and fired two more bullets from it into the body.

Opened and Robbed the Safe. Ferrell then took the key to the way safe from the pocket of the dead messenger and opened the safe and laid Lane's revolver inside where he could reach it easily in case he was detected and needed it to defend himself. After he had taken out all the sacks containing the money packages, money orders and way bills, he placed them in a small satchel and waited until the car arrived at Plain City, where he slipped off the train.

Went to a Hotel for the Night. He walked about for a few minutes to regain composure, and then inquired for the hotel, which he found after a short time, a belated citizen directing him to the place. He secured a room and retired for the night without registering, a fact of which the landlord took no notice at the time, as he was half asleep.

Assured His Crime—Stained Booty. One in his room Ferrell proceeded to go through the packages and take out all the cash. The remainder he tied up in a bundle. The question of how to get rid of the debris of his plunder and his revolver then confronted him. It was an easy matter to dispose of the latter. Lifting up the mattress of the bed, he placed the revolver in a secure place in the springs. It was not so easy to dispose of the bundle of express sacks and envelopes.

Disposed of the Package. After thinking the matter over he concluded he could get rid of the bundle best by expressing it to a fictitious address in some distant city, knowing that it would remain there a year at least before it would be opened, if it was not intercepted. Ferrell arose early the next morning and sauntered down to the railroad station, and sat there for a time reading a book. Then he expressed the package which he had addressed to C. W. Ceylor, Lockport, N. Y., bought a ticket and took the train for Columbus at 6:30.

Proceeded to Scatter Clues. When he arrived in the city he went at once to his boarding house on the north side of the city and changed his clothes. Ferrell said he was very much disturbed by the talk about the murder and robbery, which he heard upon every hand, but he kept up his nerve. During the day he was a number of bills that he owed out of the money which he had stolen, and bought some clothes and other things which he needed. Saturday night he went to see Miss Costlow and arranged to call again Sunday afternoon.

Sluths on the Trail. It was at Plain City, last Saturday night, that City Detectives O'Neill and Dunder obtained the clue that led to Ferrell's apprehension. They had been at the hotel at daylight, while Ferrell was sleeping in an upper room, and asked the proprietor if any strangers had registered or had been seen about the hotel. The proprietor said that he did not remember having seen any strangers. Later in the afternoon the detectives again asked the proprietor if he had seen any strangers about, and he then remembered a man who had forgotten to register had stayed at the house over night, and had gone away on the early morning train to Columbus.

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Convinced He Was an Ex-Employee. Chief of Detectives Kelly and Detectives O'Neill and Dunder then set to work to run down the mysterious stranger who, they had become convinced was an ex-employee of the Adams Express Co. Suspicion soon rested upon Ferrell, and information secured in regard to his movements during the last three days was considered sufficient to warrant his arrest.

Confronted by a Trying Duty. The detectives first went to his boarding place, and were informed that he was probably at the home of his sweetheart, on the east side. They at once went to the Costlow residence where they found Ferrell. It was a trying duty for the detectives when they were ushered into the room where Ferrell sat conversing with the young lady. Ferrell appeared annoyed at the intrusion.

Suspected of Burglary. The detectives did not breach the subject of the train robbery, but told him that he was suspected of a burglary, and that they wished him to accompany them to the police station, where the chief of police wanted to interview him. Thinking that perhaps the detectives were on the wrong scent, Ferrell nerved himself and said with apparent composure, "I guess there must be some mistake."

Admitted the Crime. He excused himself to the young lady and accompanied the detectives to the city prison. On the way to the station the detectives told Ferrell what he was wanted for and what they knew, and he reluctantly admitted that he had committed the crime.

A Written Confession. At the police station a written confession was taken by the chief of police. Ferrell tried to keep his nerve, but it was evident that he had been under a severe strain and that he could not stand the ordeal much longer.

He did not tell a connected story. Most of the facts were brought out by questions which he seemed to answer reluctantly. Several times he broke down, and when he was finally led to a cell he was in a state of collapse. He then seemed to realize for the first time the awful nature of his crime, and the fact that he will, in all probability, atone for it with his own life.

Secured the Thousand Dollars. As soon as it was learned that Ferrell had given the money to his sweetheart, Inspector Barron went to the house and secured it. The young lady was utterly prostrated by the disclosures. She had not suspected Ferrell of wrongdoing for a long time, and it was a terrible shock to her and her parents, who had regarded Ferrell as a model young man. The young lady had never doubted his story that the money which he placed in her keeping had been earned and saved by him as he stated.

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He did not tell a connected story. Most of the facts were brought out by questions which he seemed to answer reluctantly. Several times he broke down, and when he was finally led to a cell he was in a state of collapse. He then seemed to realize for the first time the awful nature of his crime, and the fact that he will, in all probability, atone for it with his own life.

Secured the Thousand Dollars. As soon as it was learned that Ferrell had given the money to his sweetheart, Inspector Barron went to the house and secured it. The young lady was utterly prostrated by the disclosures. She had not suspected Ferrell of wrongdoing